

## PART II.—FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS\*

### Section 1.—Explanatory Notes on Canadian Trade Statistics

**Sources.**—Canadian foreign trade statistics are compiled from information recorded on customs documents received in the Dominion Bureau of Statistics from the various customs ports in Canada (except for exports of electric energy, which are based on data received from the National Energy Board). Record is kept of value and, whenever possible, of quantity. In considering these trade figures, it should be noted that the statistics do not necessarily reflect the financial transactions relating to the movement of goods since the method and time of payment are affected by many factors.

**Coverage.**—"Domestic exports" or "exports of Canadian produce" include exports of goods wholly produced in Canada together with exports of previously imported goods that have been changed in form by further processing in Canada. "Re-exports" or "exports of foreign produce" include previously imported goods that are exported from Canada in the same form as when imported.

"Imports" or "imports entered for consumption" include all goods that enter Canada and are cleared through customs for domestic sale or use, i.e., imports on which all duties are paid and which have passed from customs control into the possession of the importer. Goods re-exported without being cleared for domestic consumption are not included. It should be noted that the fact that imports have been "entered for consumption" does not necessarily imply that the goods will all be consumed in Canada but only that consumption can take place without further customs formalities.

The most important exclusions from export totals in the past were: gold, goods shipped to Canadian Armed Forces or diplomats stationed abroad, goods financed under the Defence Appropriation Act and shipped to other NATO countries, temporary exports for exhibition or competition, and fuel and stores sold to foreign vessels and aircraft in Canada. These exclusions continue but, effective Jan. 1, 1960, additional exclusions have been made as follows: settlers' effects, private donations and gifts, and identifiable tourist purchases. These revisions have been made to all tables in this Chapter.

The most important exclusions from import totals in the past were: gold, goods for use of the United States Armed Forces stationed at treaty bases in Canada, Canadian-owned military equipment returned to Canada, ships imported for use in foreign trade and ships of British construction and registry imported for use in the coasting trade, temporary imports for exhibition or competition, and fuel and stores purchased by Canadian vessels and aircraft abroad. These exclusions continue but, effective Jan. 1, 1960, further exclusions from the total have been made as follows: settlers' effects, private donations and gifts, tourist purchases exempt from duty, and goods imported for foreign armed forces or diplomats stationed in Canada. These revisions have been made to all tables in this Chapter.

Effective with statistics for January 1960, certain changes have been made in the types of transaction included in published totals of Canadian exports and imports. Previously, most of the transactions included in these totals were commercial trade with the addition of various non-commercial and special transactions, and some types of the non-commercial and special transactions did not receive uniform treatment in both records. Especially in the past ten years, there were sizable differences between the balance of trade calculated from unadjusted export and import totals and that calculated from data adjusted to exclude non-commercial and special transactions.

From Jan. 1, 1960, a new category has been established in both export and import statistics entitled "Special Transactions—Non-Trade" in relation to the new exclusions from trade totals referred to above. This category includes certain commodity movements

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